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REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-referenced application in view of the above amendment, and of the following remarks, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-19 are pending in this case. Claim 1 is amended herein and claims are cancelled herein.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-19, and 21-26 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Gardner et al. (U.S. Patent 5,863,824).

Claim 1 is amended and claims 21-26 cancelled to overcome the rejection.

The Examiner objected to claim 20 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but that would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 20 is rewritten as amended claim 1 including all the limitations of the base claim, unamended claim 1. There were no intervening claims. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 and the claims dependent thereon are allowable.

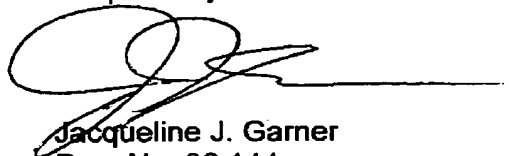
The other references cited by the Examiner have been reviewed, but are not felt to come within the scope of the claims as amended.

In light of the above, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the Examiner's rejections and allowance of claims 1-19. If the Examiner has any questions or other

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